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HOME DEPARTMENT PROCEEDINGS, JANUARY 1896.

Nos. —	Substitution of wooden beds for the earthen ones, and the reduction of latrine accommodation at the Cellular Jail at Port Blair.	Nos. 59—62.
No.	No. 1489, dated Port Blair, the 13th November 1895. From—Major R. C. TEMPLE, C.I.E., Superintendent of Port Blair. To—The Secretary to the Government of India.	No. 59.

I have the honour to report that I have authorized a small alteration in the plans of the Cellular Jail involving the substitution of wooden beds as per drawing attached for the earthen one sanctioned.

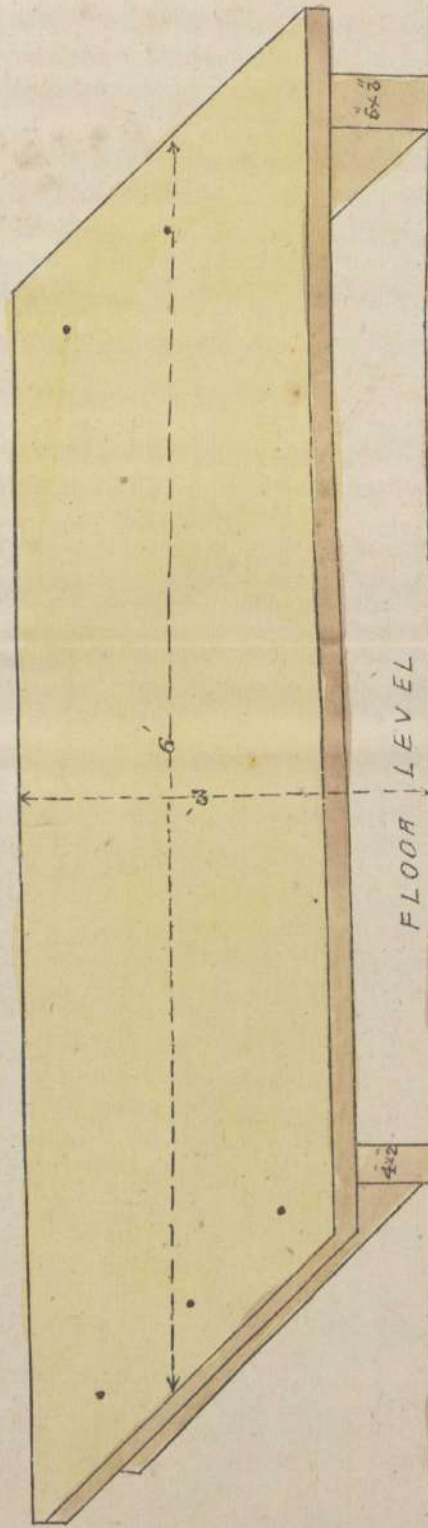
The reasons are: the earthen bed is too high and too near the windows: it takes a long time to dry thoroughly and readily absorbs damp: it cracks and crumbles and constantly requires repair with damp materials: it is built of sun-dried bricks and these would be used on occasion as missiles. The wooden bed has none of these disadvantages, and, as it weighs 120lb, it can never be used as a weapon of offence. It has been adopted for a long while in the dark cells at Viper and has been found to answer well in each case. It is easily kept clean and in repair. The cash cost is trifling, 8 annas per bed for iron bolts.

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CELLULAR JAIL PORT BLAIR

PROPOSED CELL BED



Approved

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No. . No. 1548, dated Port Blair, the 22nd November 1895. No. 61.

From—Major R.C. TEMPLE, C.I.E., Superintendent of Port Blair.

To—The Secretary to the Government of India.

I have the honour to inform you that I have ordered the latrine accommodation in all future yards of the Cellular Jail to be limited to half that arranged for in the estimates and plans.

2. I have ordered this alteration, as I find that for the larger yards of the jail the latrines planned are too large in themselves and will collect together, while being used, too large a number of prisoners in the yards at a time. I trust my action in this matter will meet with the approval of the Government of India.

No. . No. 20, dated Calcutta, the 9th January 1896. No. 62.

From—J. P. HEWETT, Esq., C.I.E., Secretary to the Government of India.

To—The Superintendent of Port Blair.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letters noted
No. 1489, dated 13th November 1895. in the margin suggesting cer-
No. 1548, dated 22nd November 1895. tain alterations in the sanc-
tioned plans for the Cellular Jail at Port Blair.

2. In reply I am directed to say that the Government of India approve the adoption of wooden beds such as are in use at Viper instead of earthen ones which were originally sanctioned.

3 With reference to your letter dated 22nd November 1895, regarding the reduction of the latrine accommodation, I am directed to forward, for your information, a copy of Rules 533 and 944 of the Bengal Jail Code, and to say that the Governor General in Council also approves of your proposal for reducing the latrine accommodation by providing seats in latrines at the rate of one to every six prisoners instead of one to every three.

Exd.—B. M.